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\$20,000 LOSS WHEN FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE

Home of Fords Reduced to Junk in Blaze that Threat- ened Entire Block; Sev- en Cars Burned

Fire, originating in the vulcanizing room just a few minutes after noon Monday completely destroyed the Pioneer garage, all its equipment, tubes and casings, valued at several thousand dollars, hundreds of dollars worth of parts and accessories, seven motor cars and two residences belonging to the Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wikoff and their son Allen.

The fire was one of the hottest and threatened to be the most disastrous ever to visit Clayton. A varying wind whipped the flames to many angles and menaced, for a time, the entire east residence section of the city.

The volunteer fire department, with assistance of others fought in the terrific heat and smoke, and handicapped with low water pressure for a strenuous hour before the fire was under control and only then after it had consumed the two dwellings adjoining the garage. The most remarkable feature of the fire was its intense heat and its short duration. At 12 o'clock the mechanics "knocked off" for lunch. At 1 o'clock they were without a job and their employers without a home and the business which they had spent years building reduced to smoldering junk.

Many cars were in the garage when the fire was discovered. All of them were run out except seven consisting of two Chalmers touring cars, Mrs. Wikoff's coupe, Allen's racing Ford, a Maxwell belonging to H. L. Simpson, white Tanner's truck and a stock Ford.

Broken Furniture

Every family living in the same block sustained some loss from the destruction of household goods which were moved to the street. Many handsome pieces of furniture were broken by volunteers whose intentions were good but whose execution was far from gentle.

The Dr. Bristol property had a narrow escape from total destruction. No one in the crowd would not have given more than four bits for it at any time from the beginning of the fire until 12:45. Aside from the burning of the fence and out-buildings there was little loss.

Little Insurance

Mr. Wikoff places the loss as more than \$20,000 with less than \$3,000 insurance on the entire property.

The Pioneer is already arranging for business in its building directly east of the Clayton Garage and Auto Co. The service station is now ready.

Machinist Coming

R. E. Owen, of Dallas, has been employed to take charge of the mechanical work in the Pioneer's new quarters. Allen says he comes recommended as a motorcar man of many years experience and as one of the best in the south, having been able to secure him because of the advantages this part of the country offers in the way of temperature.

Announcement

The Pioneer Auto Co., announces that it has established an oil and gas station at the Old Melton corner, where all can be served; also a mechanic from Dallas, Texas, will be here Monday and take charge of our shop and repair work in the Mansker garage—blue front. Our customers can find us with Ford repair parts, tires and supplies soon.

Pioneer Auto Co.

Appreciation

We desire to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their help in saving property, kind offers to take us into their homes, and especially for the sympathy expressed to us in our loss of property. It is good in a time of such calamity to know we have so many good friends.

L. A. Wikoff
E. R. Wikoff
J. Allen Wikoff

SHORTAGE OF PRINT PAPER

Continued warnings of an approaching paper famine are now received almost daily. The Citizen plant has enough print paper in stock to run only this and next week's issue of six pages each.

We have received notice that our standing order will be shipped when the paper jobber receives shipment from the mills.

Advices from the biggest mills predict not only a serious shortage, but an absolute famine during the month of August. This advice also contains the warning that should some unforeseen calamity cause the mills to shut down there is enough print paper in the entire country to last about ten days.

REV. DUM ON INSTRUCTION FORCE

County Superintendent H. H. Errett announces that Rev. R. S. Dum will be in Clayton during Teacher's institute and will be on the instruction corps as psychology teacher.

A Shingle?

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Plank are the parents of a handsome, husky, ten pound boy which arrived at the Plank home Sunday. Mr. Plank says his stock will soon be complete as he has a splinter, a shaving and believes "shingle" will be appropriate for the newcomer although he is a model baby so far.

K. P. Hold Meeting

Triangle Lodge No. 16, Knights of Pythias, held an enthusiastic convention, Wednesday evening, State Organizer J. H. Whistle, of Las Vegas, being present; the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chancellor Commander, Jas. Deam; Vice Chancellor Commander, A. Wamsley;

Prelate, Robert Brown.

Keeper of Records and Seal, F. O. Blue;

Master of the work, G. C. Johnson;

Master of Finance, F. O. Blue.

Master of Exchequer, R. Q. Palmer;

Master at Arms, W. B. Johnson;

Inner Guard, R. T. Mansker;

Outer Guard, Tom A. Gray.

The next convention will be held Wednesday evening in the Palmer hall. There will be initiation of new members and the beautiful, interesting and patriotic Flag Service will be held for the first time in Triangle Lodge. The officers elect will be installed by District Deputy, J. F. Barnhart, the State Organizer, J. H. Whistle, conducting the installation service. All members of Triangle Lodge and visiting brother Knights, will find a knightly welcome.

Lane Takes Real Estate Partner

J. Long, for sixteen years a resident of Pratt, Kansas, has decided to make Clayton and Union county his home, and accordingly, has gone into the real estate office of S. E. Lane. Mr. Long says he believes this is the finest country in the world.

Ray Holmes Goes to Dalhart

Ray Holmes, manager for the Western Union Telegraph Co., here, has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one for the C. & S. at Dalhart.

Mrs. R. Q. Palmer entertained the Forty-two Club Friday afternoon of last week and all present report an excellent session. Miss Mary Allen of Texline, vocalist, gave the club several selections that were most pleasing, while Miss Menefee charmed every one with her violin. Mrs. Palmer's luncheons are always subject to superlative adjectives and this one was no disappointment to her guests. Those present were Mesdames Johnson Allen and Bingham, and Miss Mary Allen of Texline, Mesdames Dorchester, Jones, Holdsworth, Hammond, Claude Barnhart, Kingdom, Morris Herzstein, Law, Easterwood and Miss Edna Menefee.

WITH CRIPPLED TEAM CLAYTON GRABS GAME

Old Enemy Defeated When Celebrators Hammer Two Pitchers for 11 Hits Texhoma Wins 2 of 3

Clayton again won from its first enemy when the lads took Dalhart down the column July 4th to the tune of 7 to 1. Bill Lynch started the game for Dalhart. He was hit freely by the Clayton lads and four runs were piled up in the first three innings. Page relieved Lynch at the beginning of the fourth and the locals soaked him for three more runs. There were a total of 11 hits, clean ones, gathered by Clayton off the two pitchers. But one error was chalked against the locals fielding. The game ended with the score 7 to 1.

The second day's game was called off on account of wet grounds.

Clayton had a badly crippled team and was worse crippled at the close of the game, third baseman Mattox being sent to the bench with a badly sprained ankle.

Texhoma Takes Two of Three Games

Clayton did not fare so well in three games with the slugging Texhoma bunch, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Oklahoma giants took the first game after an exciting session by a score of 10 to 6. Waters was unable to work the puzzling racket on these lads that characterized his work at Trinidad and the boys from across the line punctured him for scattering hits, which coupled with loose support lost the game for Clayton.

In the second game the locals came back and worked reverse english on the sluggers and won the game 5 to 2. This game failed to produce the excitement of the former one. The crowd was tired of waiting and the wind made life unbearable during the first two innings. The game was Clayton's all the way through. Morton worked and pitched good ball.

Waters started Sunday's game. Again the visitors rapped his kinks and Morton relieved the southpaw. Clayton threatened to overcome Texhoma's lead of 6 to 4 in the eighth with one down and Waters advancing from first to third on Thompson's sacrifice. Texhoma short tossed the ball to second to catch Waters. It was the consensus of opinion that Waters "was safe a mile." The umpire called him out. Speeches were made, joint debates held, the grandstand wanted to fight and the umpire stuck. Texhoma refused to finish the game unless the decision held. During fifteen minutes rag chewing the Texhoma twirler was getting back in form. Umpire Clark addressed the crowd calling all bets off. That ended the agony also the game so far as scoring was concerned. After this game the local Spanish-American team trimmed the Mt. Dora lads in a hit and rung game with a score of 19 to 11.

Too Much Smoke

The report reaches us that in the game July 4th between Clapham and Barney, the latter quit because McClure pitching for Clapham had too much smoke. It is reported that McClure hit one of the Barney boys, knocking him out. After the accident each batter was shy of the twirler. Barney petitioned the umpire to call the game off.

Fred J. Hoelderle, manager of the Ohio ranch near Hayden, was in the city several days this week looking after business matters.

Adolph Wenz was in from his ranch near Pasamonte the first of the week and took out a large load of supplies.

Mrs. Wagner, aunt of Mrs. Tom Stoddard and Leonard Warner, her brother, both from St. Louis, arrived in the city the latter part of last week for a visit. They are both excellent musicians. Mrs. Warner playing the violin and young Warner the piano. They treated the audience at the Mt. Dora last Saturday evening to some music.

Contestant Injured

John Iker, living about ten miles south of Clayton, was brought to town last night from Clapham in a very serious condition caused by a fall from his horse. He was attending the celebration at Clapham, and had entered the "Gallo" or chicken race, horse-back and in company with another party was running at full speed when the two horses collided, throwing him violently to the ground, the horse falling on him. The other man jumped from his horse and was unhurt. When Iker was picked up he was unconscious and has remained so until 3 p. m. today. It is feared that his neck is broken and very little hopes are held for his recovery. He is at Miss Rope's hospital under the care of Dr. Winchester.

Although Clayton did not observe the Fourth Union county in general put in a busy day. Clapham held a two day session with plenty of amusement to entertain the big crowds that attended.

About 1500 people attend the big two days at the Dish Rag crossing on the Corrupa in the Stubblefield grove. This grove affords an ideal place for picnic celebrations. Cars were there in flocks and everybody had well-filled lunch boxes and everybody ate more than was good for them.

Racing, ball-games and dances made up the program. One of the best races was the girls horse, which was won by Miss Irene Stubblefield.

Caught In Rain

A big crowd of rooters went to Dalhart to celebrate and help the Clayton chaps win. The storm in the evening marooned the visitors who were forced to stay in Dalhart all night. Beds were not to be had, and the male celebrators had to camp in barber chairs, on pool tables, in the tailor shops, furniture stores and on the city scales.

Horse Got His Goat

Fulgencio C. de Baca and family, went to Rosebud, Monday to spend the Fourth with Mr. de Baca's parents. The people of that section had a big celebration, all kinds of racing, dancing, and roping contests. Fulgencio would have won the goat-roaping contest, only his horse "got his goat" just as he was hastily tying it, and walked off with it. It only took him 25 seconds to rope it.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. Eklund, Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Herzstein, and Miss Vendia Eklund and Leonard Herzstein, motored out to the Eklund ranch on the Corrupa to spend the Fourth. They had some very exciting times. All went in bathing and Mrs. Simon Herzstein and Master "Junior" fell in the creek. They had a famous picnic dinner and in the evening the children entertained themselves and their elders with fire-works.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood chaperoned a jolly party the Fourth of July on a picnic. They had it too. They went above Dishrag crossing to the spring. All took bathing suits and tried their skill at swimming in a big water-hole there. Of course a big dinner with lots of ice-cream for dessert furnished one of the principal events. The party was composed of Misses Ruby Thornton, Robine Woods, Messrs. Kelley, Clark, McCoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood.

Mrs. Granville was hostess to the Auction Club Saturday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Aeri Messenger held high score and Mrs. Easterwood second. A dainty luncheon was spread to the following guests: Mesdames Messenger, Savage, Eklund, Snyder, Easterwood, Toombs, John Hill, Claude Barnhart, Winchester, Morris Herzstein, Simon Herzstein, and Miss Edna Menefee.

A big picnic and re-union has been planned for the Kansans living in Union county on August 19th, Saturday. Everyone in the county coming from the state of Kansas is cordially welcomed and invited to be present.

LATEST FROM MEXICO INDICATES FRIENDLINESS

Sassy Tone Not Evident in Carranza's Last Letter to U. S. Revokes Order to Withdraw Troops

Washington, July 5.—The reply of the de facto government of Mexico to the demands of the United States, conciliatory in tone and giving assurances of a desire to reach a friendly adjustment of the difficulties between the two countries was delivered at the state department today by a Mexican embassy attache.

As soon as a translation of the Spanish text could be made it was sent to the white house. Until Secretary Lansing and President Wilson have had an opportunity to confer, there will be no informal comment.

State department officials did not attempt to conceal the fact that they considered the new message satisfactory and likely to remove all danger of war.

No Superfluities

Brief and free from all superfluous language of diplomacy, the communication points to the release of the American troopers captured at Carrizal as proof of the Mexican government's sincere desire to avoid a conflict; states as the outstanding issue the reasonable belief of the United States that the insecurity of its frontier is a source of difficulty, and on the other hand, the belief of the Mexican government that the presence of American troops in Mexico is a trespass on that country's sovereignty and the immediate cause of trouble. As assurances are given that the de facto government will employ every effort to prevent incidents which would aggravate the situation and the hope is expressed that the United States will do likewise.

New Mexico Only State West of Mississippi With Strictly Military Institute

Roswell, N. M., July 6.—It is a fact not generally known that New Mexico, one of the two newest states in the union, is the only state west of the Mississippi river that maintains a strictly military school. The school is the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, and not only is it the only institution of its kind in all the west, but it enjoys the added distinction of being recognized by the war department as one of the ten best military schools in the entire country.

The foresight of the New Mexico legislature in establishing a military school for the training of young men to meet any emergency that may come about through the country being involved in war is just now getting to be fully appreciated and recognized. Formerly a military training was considered by many parents to be superfluous, but now that the entire country is ringing with the demands of the people for preparedness for national defense, attention is being called to the fact that the New Mexico Military Institute has for many years been turning out young men fully equipped to uphold their country's honor in the field if the call to arms should come.

The point is made by the authorities of the school, however, that the institute is doing far more than prepare young men for war—it is preparing them for the battle of life in time of peace. The discipline of the school, the healthful physical training that its routine accomplishes, the excellent moral atmosphere and the high academic standard that it maintains all combine to constitute an education that is the best possible equipment a young man can have, no matter to what sphere of life he may be called after leaving school.

In every way New Mexico has cause to be proud of the New Mexico Military Institute. It is the best advertisement the state could have—he best inducement she could offer to outsiders to come and bring their families with them.